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**Request for Continued
Examination (RCE) Transmittal**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for expedited examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 2, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application No.	09/456,894
Filing Date	December 7, 1999
Named Inventor(s)	
Clinton Edward Lum	
Group/Art Unit	2157
Examiner Name	Hussein A. ElChamti
Attorney Docket No.	05456.105030

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 19, 2000. If the above identified application was filed prior to May 19, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO 1524) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the grace period adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes in Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 61 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 63 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1222 Off. Pat. App. 67 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- Previously submitted
 - Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on _____. (Any unclarified amendment(s) referred to above will be ensured.)
 - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - Other _____
- Enclosed
 - Amendment and Response Submitted Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116.
 - Three-Month Petition for Extension of Time.
 - Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - Other.

2. Miscellaneous

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required)
- Other _____

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.
 - RCE Fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) [Fee: \$790.00]
 - Three-Month Extension of time fee \$1,020 (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - Other _____
- Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

Signature of Applicant, Attorney or Agent Required

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